

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 4. In Fig. 4, previously omitted reference numeral 404 has been added.

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1 – 14 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected. Claims 3 - 14 have been allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 3 – 14.

Amendments

Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled herewith without prejudice or disclaimer. In amended Fig. 4, the previously omitted reference numeral 404 has been added.

Objections

The abstract is objected to. A new abstract is submitted herewith on a separate page. No new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Claims 3 – 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0122422 to Kenney et al. (hereinafter “Kenney”). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but cancels claims 1 and 2 herewith, reserving the right to pursue claims 1 and 2 in a continuation application.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that entry of the instant amendment and consideration of the above remarks renders the present application in condition for allowance, which action Applicant respectfully solicits.

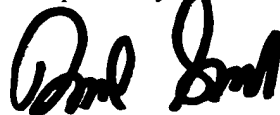
Petition For One-Month Extension Of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The period for responding to the instant Office Action was set to expire on December 20, 2004. Applicant hereby requests that the period for responding to the instant Office Action be extended by one (1) month, so as to expire on January 20, 2005. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

The fee for a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) dollars for a small entity. No additional fees are believed due. The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 501380 in the amount of \$60.00 and any additional fee which is necessary in connection with the filing of this petition and response.

Favorable action on this amendment and petition is courteously solicited.

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